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A REBUKE TO REED.

A stinging rebuke has been administered to the senate committee investigating the sugar situation by President Wilson by making public the statement which Food Administrator Hoover has been endeavoring to get before that committee in refutation of the statements which have been made by Charles Reed, in spite of Mr. Hoover's efforts to explain the policy on which he has acted and to deny the charges which have been made by the sugar refiner. Senator Reed has persistently refused to give him a hearing. Whether such as his attitude or not, his conduct has given the impression that he is antagonistic to the food administrator and instead of giving the man who has charge of this important work and who necessarily must be busy a chance to be heard, he has absolutely ignored him and the position which he holds.

Permitting the charges which have been made to go unanswered has been decidedly unwise. It has simply served to give greater emphasis to the allegations of the refiner who has criticized an important branch of the government work without a chance being offered to point out the errors and misstatements which are included therein. The longer such is allowed to go the more difficult it is to overcome the false impression. Such was fully recognized by the White House and the making public of Mr. Hoover's explanation, the very step which the investigating committee should have taken after the speaker's testimony was finished, has now been made possible by going over the head of this committee the president's plain and direct disapproval of the methods being employed by the investigating committee.

GERMAN SAVAGERY.

There may have been those who thought that Germany would observe the rules of war when it came to dealing with the soldiers of this country who might be taken prisoners during the war, but there has been sufficient evidence in the past to convince any such that anything of that kind was a forlorn hope. There has been evidence aplenty to show how international law has been disregarded, how the rights of humanity and non-combatants have been totally ignored, how the women and children of other countries have been treated with all the brutality of the savage and how utterly lacking in any recognition of obligations to prisoners.

Inasmuch as outrage has followed outrage in spite of the protests, and in this the neutral has suffered as well as the belligerent, there was no good reason for believing that this country could expect anything different when it came to its subjects. If there were those who had entertained a different view that must now be entirely shattered by the official statement which comes from the base of the American army in France to the effect that a lone soldier of the United States infantry was found, following a trench raid by the Germans, with his throat cut from ear to ear, the report adding that he must have been so killed after capture.

This shows the Hun in his true color. It could not be believed that a civilized nation would resort to such savagery until it was demonstrated by Germany, but that country has showed its hand and in no unmistakable manner.

FAR FROM MARTYRS.

For the schoolteachers of New York who have been dismissed for their lack of loyalty to the government in their expressions and teachings in the school room, to set up the claim that they are martyrs to the cause of destroying the autocracy of the school system is indeed interesting. If we take a little more than a moment to look at a little or nothing except in that small circle of people who are pursuing much the same course that they are.

The school teacher who stands up in his classroom and influences the minds of school children in a manner favorable to the enemy, who undertakes to deny the war aims of this government and thereby places a handicap upon the nation is a men-

ace which cannot be tolerated. They are entitled to the term of martyrs about as much as those subjects of this country who are doing their utmost to undermine and destroy the pacifist efforts, those who are giving comfort to the enemy and those who by their actions are actually helping Germany. Their attempts to poison the minds of the young demand the most to be placed under the most careful surveillance to see that they do not continue their efforts in other ways. Having shown their true colors they should be given no chance to capitalize their feelings. Disloyalty must be handled with a firm hand whenever it is disclosed.

ENCOURAGING THE CONVICT.

Two experiments which are bound to be followed with much interest are those which have been made in the state of Oklahoma and New Jersey regarding leaves of absence for convicts during the holiday season. These can, of course, be put down to reform efforts by those who are directly concerned with prison work. They certainly are trials for the purpose of determining whether the confidence which is thus being manifested in human nature is warranted and the outcome will go a long way toward producing a proof.

The governor of Oklahoma ordered the doors of the state prison opened and the convicts were told to go to their homes for Christmas and to remain until the second of January. The roads were being washed in the case of those who were without funds. The prisoners were placed on their honor to return at the designated time and in the number were 16 who are serving life sentences.

At the New Jersey state reformatory there were 40 inmates who were released for Christmas under promise to return the day following and upon the success of that undertaking will depend the extension of a like privilege to another group on New Year's day. These men have been employed in highway work practically without guard and there was some reason for considering them trustworthy.

The idea differs from the plan which has been followed in different states of making wholesale pardons at Christmas time. It should, however, demonstrate what the attitude of the convict is regarding such a practice and show whether he appreciates what is being done for him. He has a chance to prove whether he wants to be helped or not.

SENATOR NEWLANDS.

For many years Francis G. Newlands has represented the state of Nevada in the United States senate. His death therefore removes an important figure from that branch of congress and in view of the close attention which he gave to matters before the nation it means a loss not only to the state but the nation.

Senator Newlands was a man of large capabilities. He was not in any means a mere figurehead. His strong convictions have been frequently expressed and he was not afraid to present his arguments and that he was at times regarded as a theorist. There are nevertheless good reasons for believing that he was sincere in his beliefs and that he was at the bottom of all problems which he undertook to solve. There was usually something more than a partisan reason for putting forth the efforts which he did.

His political career was that of a member who was thoroughly in touch with the very important transportation question.

Not every senator is permitted the length of service which he was favored and this commendation must clearly that he had the confidence of the people of his state. He was unquestionably a bulwark in the democratic party and his state will have no easy task in selecting a successor who is so thoroughly qualified for the work. His loss will likewise be seriously felt by his party and especially by the democratic organization in the senate.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Well it is time now to get back to the food conservation programme.

If Senator Reed expected to suppress Hoover his effort has resulted in a glorious failure.

It isn't a bit too early to charge your mind with the fact that you must soon write it 1918.

General Allenby's army in Palestine is not resting on its laurels. It is pushing steadily ahead after new ones.

The man on the corner says: The coal bins which are filled with empty cans are the best arguments in favor of economy.

This country is going to send needed food supplies to Denmark and Finland but it is also going to see that none of these goods gets through into Germany.

The shutting off of the German made toys does not appear to have taken any joy out of Christmas for the children. American products filled the bill as well if not better.

Germany selects the chairman of the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk and Russia must realize by this time that Germany expects to dictate the terms of peace.

HER REVERED AUNT

The restless woman waiting in the dentist's waiting office eyed with interest the patient who just had emerged from the main torture room with a brilliant smile. A fortune he said. She sat down in a corner chair.

"I know, it's how it hurts!" the nervous woman exclaimed. "Why wouldn't he pull it?"

"Him?" asked the second patient, startled. She tried to smile. "I haven't got a toothache!" she got out with difficulty. "Lump of wax—over a gold inlay he just put in—while I wait for it to set!"

"Oh!" commented the restless woman, disappointed. "Your face looks just the way my aunt's does when she has the toothache. My how that woman has suffered! And not only from toothache, let me tell you! Here she was, all enraged to a lovely man, so they say—he ran the feed store in her town—and what did she do but swoop with the cornet player in the town band! Besides having to listen to him practicing on the cornet every day of her life she had to assure his relatives, who came visiting for months at a time and never helped a mite in the housework or anything! When I got out one day I found things Uncle James had got out of the habit of doing anything except sit around and practice on his cornet and he naturally got around to his relatives. Doesn't your tooth ache at all?"

"I can't help feeling that it ought to," persisted the nervous woman. "With your face looking like that, my aunt had to wear a thick veil when she had her spells—people looked at her so on the street if she didn't once the report got around that my uncle had slapped her face and raised the lump and she felt awfully about it for, of course, you take a kind of pride in your husband, don't you?"

"My aunt said, Uncle James might drive her wild with his everlasting tooting and he might forget to bring in her wood or chop kindling or wipe the mud off his shoes, and he certainly was lazy and she had to take in sewing to get any money, but with it all he was a gentleman and certainly never wanted to hurt himself to slap her. Is your husband musical?"

"N-No," stammered the woman.

STORIES OF THE WAR

Abdication of Constantine.

Details, hitherto unpublished, concerning the abdication of King Constantine are contained in an interview published by the Berner Zeitung. The king, who is now residing in Switzerland, has been asked by the Berner Zeitung whether he would be willing to accept the French senator, Charles C. A. Jonnart, submitted an ultimatum with the demand that it be presented to the king immediately. The king slowly read through the document, but declared that he would not venture to show it to the king. The speaker, however, stated that the king had been asked to sign the document and that he had refused to do so.

"Something serious?" asked King Constantine as soon as he saw the premier's face.

"Very serious, majesty," replied Jonnart.

"Give it to me," demanded the king, pointing to the document in the premier's hand.

The king then began to read the document aloud, hesitating when he came to the word "abdication," but only for a moment. Then he continued reading quietly, clearly until the end.

"I shall do it," he declared after a moment's hesitation, despite the premier's suggestion that the king should not do so. The king finally agreed to abdicate. The king finally agreed to abdicate. The king finally agreed to abdicate.

OTHER VIEW POINTS

A dispatch just received from Waterbury reads: "Waterbury is again invaded by thieves and pickpockets. Two thefts totaling \$100 were made extra, thirty from this city to Waterbury. This is regrettable and serious, but it is inevitable especially the newspaper brand of thieves who follow the temperance laws. There are laws against theft. Those laws are despised and violated and despised. The guilty are not even apprehended and so they are undeterred and find other victims. Therefore the said laws are ineffectual and must be repealed forthwith."—Bristol Press.

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As a means of helping to increase the pork supply, the Department of Agriculture has just released to the motion picture theatres a film showing the work of the Boys' Pig Clubs. The film shows hundreds of interesting farm boys and girls how to raise better pigs and the methods used by club members in carrying out instructions. The first lesson taught in the film is that it costs no more to feed and care for the pig of carefully selected stock than the scrub, while the more the pig produces the more it is shown further how to feed and care for the pig, how to protect them from disease, and how to shelter them from the inclemency of winter and the heat of summer. The results of wise selection and intelligent care are shown in the well-groomed, fat, healthy porters wearing the prize ribbons they have won at county and state fairs.—New Britain Herald.

Views of the Vigilantes

Save Heat, Gas, Water
By Reinette Lovewell of The Vigilantes.

The nation is trying hard to conserve the pork supply. In the large cities where the supply of heat and hot water is included in the rent, there are many hotel and apartment houses where the owners are not as careful as they might be to guard against waste. They may feel that they are paying the landlord more rent than he has a right to demand, and that to keep every radiator going full blast to let hot water run recklessly is one way to get their money's worth.

It is not a question of the landlord's pocket, but of the nation's. To turn off the heat in some of the rooms where an apartment is left vacant, and to watch the hot water faucet carefully, is a definite patriotic duty.

The vigilantes are so often people from small villages where the head of the household has to do his own work and heat water for shaving in a tea kettle on top of the kitchen stove. It may give a feeling of luxury to stand and watch steaming water flow into a porcelain bowl with its drain pipe open, but it is not luxury. Real Americans are thinking about these days—this WAR.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thankful For Cooperation.
Mr. Editor: In behalf of the Red Cross campaign committee, I wish to thank all those whose hearty cooperation has made this Christmas drive a success: the large army of faithful both-tenders, the business men, the churches and newspapers, and last of all, the response given by those within the area of this chapter. Without these agencies our membership would not have been pushed beyond the allotment.

CHARLES H. RICKETTS
For the Committee.
Norwich, Dec. 26.

FEDERAL SUPERVISION OF LABOR A VITAL NEED

It is Recommended by Committee on Industry and Employment.

New York, Dec. 26.—Federal supervision of labor as a vital need for solving the nation's industrial problems is recommended in a report made public tonight by the committee on industry and employment of the majority committee on national defense. In view of the fact that the federal government has made this Christmas drive a success, the report added:

"Available labor everywhere must be registered at recognized places. Likewise, we must localize and register the demand. The entire field must be covered. It will not do to have employers in one state or city registering their demand in certain places and employers in that section applying to entirely different places. We must get five employers in a plant in one state stealing employees from another and this made possible because there is no central office which is in touch with the labor in all points. If we are to have a good labor service registry, we must have a uniform machinery with which to enroll that reserve. If we are to shift any large number of laborers from one section of the country to another, we must have a uniform administration which will advance, care and which can satisfactorily assure workers that the job is there."

Prince Colonna, mayor of Rome, has issued detailed instructions to the citizens in view of probable air raids.

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